

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Previously Presented) A modular device, comprising:
  - a retaining device for a bearing device, coupleable thereto;
  - a housing including a plurality of predetermined module locations;
  - connection modules, arrangeable at the module locations and each provided with a connection device for connecting a line thereto;
  - coding means and opposing coding means, for providing module location-specific assignment;
  - latching means at at least one of the module locations, and opposing latching means on at least one of the connection modules, for respectively providing module location-specific locking and unlocking; and
  - contact means, having a longitudinal side for making contact with opposing contact means, transversely with respect to the longitudinal side.
2. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising at least one of an electrical, electromagnetic and electronic device unit.
3. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the retaining device includes at least one spring-loaded and self-ringing latching element.
4. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the connection modules is of a multi-pole design.
5. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 1, wherein each respective connection device includes at least one of a screw terminal, a spring-loaded terminal and an insulation displacement contact.

6. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coding means includes, individually per module location, a recess formed by housing sections, and the opposing coding means includes a bracket element.
7. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the latching means includes an elastic lock having a barb, and the opposing latching means includes a latch accommodating the barb.
8. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the contact means includes at least one of a contact lug and a contact pin, and the opposing contact means includes a fork-shaped contact element.
9. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising: insulating means, arranged at least one of on an end and on a longitudinal side of the contact means, for covering the contact means.
10. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the insulating means includes an insulating bracket.
11. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the insulating means includes a plug-in element integrated in the housing.
12. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 8, further comprising: insulating means, arranged at least one of on an end and on a longitudinal side of the contact means, for covering the contact means.
13. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the insulating means includes an insulating bracket.

14. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the insulating means includes a plug-in element integrated in the housing.
15. (Currently Amended) A modular device, comprising:
  - a housing including a plurality of predetermined module locations on an exterior end side of the housing;
  - at least one coding device at each of the plurality of predetermined module locations, the at least one coding device being arranged on a surface of the housing, the at least one coding device and being connectable to an opposing coding device; and
  - at least one electrical contact protruding from the surface of the housing, the at least one contact being connectable to at least one opposing contact adapted to make transversely make contact with respect to a longitudinal side of the at least one contact.
16. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 15, further comprising at least one of an electrical, electromagnetic and electronic device unit.
17. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 25, wherein the retaining device includes at least one spring-loaded and self-ringing latching element.
18. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 21, wherein at least one of the connection modules is of a multi-pole design.
19. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 21, wherein each respective connection device includes at least one of a screw terminal, a spring-loaded terminal and an insulation displacement contact.
20. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the at least one coding device includes, individually per module location, a recess formed by housing sections, and the opposing coding device includes a bracket element.
21. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 15, further comprising:

connection modules, arrangeable at the module locations and each provided with a connection device for connecting a line thereto.

22. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 21, further comprising:  
at least one latch, at at least one of the module locations and at least one opposing latch on at least one of the connection modules, to respectively provide module location-specific locking and unlocking.
23. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the opposing coding device is arranged on at least one connection module.
24. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the at least one opposing contact is arranged on at least one connection module.
25. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 15, further comprising:  
a retaining device arranged on a surface of the housing, the retaining device being coupleable to a bearing device.